

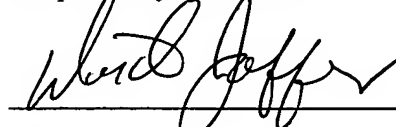
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In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 set forth in the August 18, 2004, Office Action, Applicant elects for continued prosecution the Group II claims (claims 23-44 and 63-68), without traverse. By virtue of this amendment, claims 23-44 and claims 63-68 are the only claims pending. Applicants reserve the right to later file a divisional application directed to the non-elected, canceled claims.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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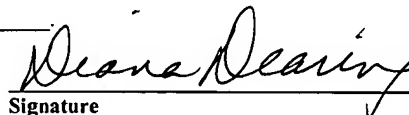
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